

# Project C: Reactive Chemistry

Presented by Helena Whyte

# Core Members

---

- Lydia Boada-Clista, DOE Ohio Field Office
- David Freshwater, SAIC
- JC Laul, Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Dan Marsick, DOE EH-52
- Dave Quigley, Y-12 National Security Complex
- Fred Simmons, Washington Savannah River
- Helena Whyte (Chair), Los Alamos National Laboratory

# Manuscripts Completed Over Last Two Years

---

- Management of Time Sensitive Chemicals Part 1:  
Misconceptions Leading to Incidents  
*Published Chemical Health and Safety, September/October 2004*
- Management of Time Sensitive Chemicals Part II: Their  
Identification, Chemistry, and Management  
*Published Chemical Health and Safety, November/December 2004*
- Management of Time Sensitive Chemicals Part III:  
Stabilization and Treatment  
*Published in Chemical Safety & Health, January./February 2006*

# Manuscripts Completed in Past Year

---

- Use and Misuse of Chemical Reactivity Spreadsheets

*Publication Pending*

- Determining Health Hazard Ratings when no Toxicological Data is Available

# Time Sensitive Chemicals III

- Management of Time Sensitive Chemicals Part III: Stabilization and Treatment
- Published in Chemical Safety & Health Jan./Feb. 2006



# Stabilization and Treatment

---

- Identify potential hazards
- Determine how to mitigate
- Identify and procure equipment and reagents
- Work planning
- Training, experience, and qualifications

# Use and Misuse of Chemical Reactivity Spreadsheets

- Peer reviewed and accepted for publication in Chemical Safety and Health

EPA-600/2-80-076 April 1980

A METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE COMPATIBILITY OF CHEMICAL MIXTURES

No.	Reactivity Group Name		
1	Acids, Mineral, Non-oxidizing	1	
2	Acids, Mineral, Oxidizing		2
106	Water and Mixtures Containing Water	H	H

## Legend

Code	Consequences
H	Heat Generation

# Highlights

---

- Accurate hazard identification critical to any safety program
- MSDS Limitations
- Chemical Reactivity Worksheets
- Short, Consolidated Spreadsheets
- Reactivity Matrices



# How Hazards Misidentified

---

- Assumptions
- Hazards Not Identified
- Binary Mixtures
- Three or more component interaction

# Determining Health Hazard Ratings when no Toxicological Data is Available

---

- Importance of Health Hazard Rating
  - Emergency Planning
  - Worker Protection



# EH Chemical Safety Website

---

- Copies of Manuscripts Available at  
[http://www.eh.doe.gov/chem\\_safety/bmgtpprac.html](http://www.eh.doe.gov/chem_safety/bmgtpprac.html)  
Under CSTC Documents